

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02728-ABJ**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
STATE
Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/12/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff**AMERICAN OVERSIGHT**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/12/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6372802) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/12/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 09/12/2019)
09/16/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (zeg) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/16/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zeg) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 9/17/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 10/17/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration)(McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/04/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>4</u> Summons Returned Executed in FOIA as to U.S. Attorney; emailed to daniel.mcgrath@americanoversight.org, cc'd 1 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Document incomplete/illegible, 2. Please refile document, 3. as to the USAG and Federal Dft for service of process (zjf,) (Entered: 10/04/2019)

10/17/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E)(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 10/17/2019)
10/18/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. Defendant shall file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, on or before November 15, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 10/18/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
10/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall either file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, by 11/15/2019. (jth) (Entered: 10/18/2019)
11/14/2019	<u>6</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 11/14/2019)
11/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>6</u> status report, it is ORDERED that the defendant must make its first production by December 18, 2019. In addition, the parties must meet and confer and file a joint status report by December 20, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/15/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 11/15/2019)
12/19/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 12/19/2019)
12/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Based on the parties' <u>7</u> joint status report, the parties must submit another status report by January 30, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/20/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 12/20/2019)
01/30/2020	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (McGrath, Daniel) (Entered: 01/30/2020)
01/31/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>8</u> joint status report, the parties must file another status report by April 8, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/31/2020. (lcabj3) (Entered: 01/31/2020)
03/27/2020	<u>9</u>	MOTION to Stay, MOTION for Extension by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Peterson, Benton). Added MOTION for Extension on 3/30/2020 (jf). (Entered: 03/27/2020)
03/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER denying <u>9</u> Motion to Stay; granting <u>9</u> Motion for Extension of Time. Defendant's obligation to process and produce records is hereby suspended pending further order of the Court. Defendant must submit a status report by April 28, 2020, updating the Court on whether the Department of State's FOIA operations have resumed and, if so, proposing a revised schedule for search and processing of records. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 3/30/2020. (lcabj3) (Entered: 03/30/2020)
04/28/2020	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 04/28/2020)
04/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>10</u> status report, defendant must file another status report by May 28, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 4/29/2020. (lcabj3) (Entered: 04/29/2020)
05/28/2020	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 05/28/2020)
05/29/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>11</u> status report, defendant must submit another status report by June 29, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/29/2020. (lcabj3) (Entered: 05/29/2020)
06/29/2020	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 06/29/2020)
06/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER. In light of defendant's <u>12</u> status report, defendant must submit another status report by July 29, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman

		Jackson on 6/30/2020. (lcabj3) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
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